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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 8 ~~October~~ ^{NOVEMBER} 1951

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report - October 1951

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1. A class in elementary Russian was started 15 October with seven students. [] of USSR Branch is the instructor. The class meets for one hour three times a week and will continue for three months. The class is for the benefit of clerical and screening personnel who require some knowledge of the language in their work.

2. Eastern European Branch is preparing a bibliography of postwar books on Eastern Europe of intelligence value which are available in Washington.

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3. A catalog (450 pages) of the [] was prepared [] for ORR. This work, supplemented by further research, is intended for subsequent publication.

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4. A project on the need for occupational skills in the USSR is continuing as part of an ORR manpower study.

Several reports have been prepared on another special project for ORR on the economic organization of the USSR.

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5. A member of Documents Control Branch, with cooperation of the [], investigated the potential use of [] as a document source. The [] representatives were briefed on FDD requirements and arrangements were agreed upon for guide evaluations from FDD.

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6. Reference material collected and shipped [] by the FDD survey team were received. The collection includes directories, Who's Who publications, and dictionaries in Chinese, Korean, Annamese, Thai, Burmese, and Malay.

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7. Arrangements were made as follows to ensure FDD maximum coverage of USSR serials for 1952:

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a. CIA Library was requested to place subscriptions with commercial sources for 88 titles which were not allocated to FDD by IAD, Department of State, for 1952. The sources are

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b. Arrangements were made with G-2 Department of Army, for 28 Army also agreed to loan FDD on a 30-day basis all titles not allocated to FDD.

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c. A list of 81 titles available only in Moscow was furnished [redacted] with the suggestion that [redacted] place subscriptions for them to ensure receipt in the United States of the maximum number of such titles. Arrangements can be made for loan of these acquisitions to FDD.

d. An offer was made to ONI for FDD to aid in its selection of USSR serials for subscription in 1952. If requested ONI will be given a duplicate of [redacted]

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These arrangements should ensure FDD of the maximum coverage desired with less effort than in previous years, and so permit more effort in procurement of titles other than those available for subscription.

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8. More than 1,000 foreign-language publications were received from [redacted] Among these were numerous titles not available through subscription, including current issues of clandestine Iranian publications, several Czechoslovak serials, and two Russian newspapers.

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11. New, or revised, translation service estimates were requested of all offices having such requirements. Thus far, two offices have replied.

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[] personnel of Strategic Division, ORR; about
50 new employees of ORR; and four new employees of Medical
Division, OSI, were briefed during the month on FDD operations.

13. Attached are details as follows:

Appendix A -- Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Appendix B -- Details on Personnel Actions



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Statistical Report on FDD Operations
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